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ROBERT MCGRAW

Senior Receives Scholarship To Harvard

W.S.C. is proud to applaud a member of the senior class who has earned a distinction for himself and for the college. Robert McGraw, a Senior Secondary from Hopkington, was recently awarded a partial scholarship to the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University. Competing with thousands of students from the East, he was one of the thirteen from New England, New York, and the Middle Atlantic and North Central States who were selected to receive Prize Fellowships and full or partial scholarships.

Mr. McGraw, known as Bob to his classmates, is married and the father of a son and daughter, ages 11 and 12. He is a graduate of English High School, Boston, and served with the Yankee Division during World War II, seeing action in the Aleutian Islands before transferring to the 11th Air Force. After the war he worked for an electronics company in Cambridge. His return to school in September, 1959, was the reali-

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Steve Kokernak Ends Brilliant Basketball Career At W.S.C.

by JIM ALLEN
Acorn Sports Editor

The Class of '63 can be proud of its vice-president.

Steve Kokernak, a Lancer forward for the past four years, has played his last game for our college but set several records that will be remembered for sometime. Steve won his second Most Valuable Player award, a record, and broke the school record for points in a career with 1485. The five foot 11, 155 pound Math-science major also tied Bill Ferris for most points in one game with 36. Steve scored his in the opening game against Lowell while Bill, class of '56, did the trick in 1955. Last year, Steve scored 428 points for the season, also a record.

Described by Coach Fran Dyson as a "natural," Steve has been in the starting lineup of all Coach Dyson's squads except for the Central Connecticut game, passed up so that he could participate in the National Teacher's Exam. He

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A JOB WELL DONE. Coach Dyson congratulates Steve Kokernak for establishing an all time high scoring record as well as for being selected most valuable team player by the Worcester Coaches Sports Writers Association.

Note From The Editor

The following letter should clarify the recent discussion regarding the choosing of the four city college presidents, and not the fifth, as an advisory group in the selection of a new superintendent of schools for the City of Worcester.

President Sullivan was in Chicago when these names were chosen.

March 5, 1963

Dr. Eugene A. Sullivan, President Worcester State College
486 Chandler Street
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Gene:

I am taking the liberty to write to you regarding the School Committee's action in asking four College Presidents, other than yourself, to serve as a screening committee in the choice of a school superintendent. Since I am the Chairman of the committee and because your exclusion from this group has created a great deal of comment, this letter, in a way, will help to clarify an embarrassing situation. I have been quoted in the newspapers as saying that you were left off the committee because it was better balanced without you. This statement is untrue and was never mentioned by me. There has been some comment made that because of your position in the field of education you may have had some contact with the three candidates that were being screened. It has been said that this contact would have prejudiced your choice and for that reason your name had been omitted. This, also, was never discussed by the School Committee.

As Chairman of the School Committee I shoulder full responsibility for the suggestion that

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AS WE SEE IT.....

We're Proud of It!

This year, as in previous years, the Acorn has printed what "it believes to be the rights of all students all the time." The paper is not a political newspaper, but strives to inform the student-body of the happenings around Campus. Sports news, club news, special events, speakers, and other news is reported by the various members of the Acorn staff. In addition to the news happenings, the Acorn has included opinions of the student body and cultural offerings as well.

This year, the student-body itself has had a greater opportunity to give their opinions on controversial subjects in the form of letters to the editor. This service of the paper gives the student a chance to speak up for or against the happenings around the College. Perhaps the two most pressing letters recently appearing, were the ones that were concerned with the club meetings and the organization of the recent Winter Carnival. To summarize the club situation, Wednesday is club day, and usually four or five clubs meet at the same period on the same Wednesday. Naturally this makes it virtually impossible for a student to belong to more than one club and be a participating member. In order for more students to join the clubs, a satisfactory schedule for meetings must be worked out . . . and soon!

The second important letter dealt with the behind-the-scenes organization of the Winter Carnival. According to this letter, because of poor planning, and many last minute arrangements, there was a lack of unity and smoothness during the entire Carnival. It is hoped that by bringing the feelings of the students through these letters, the problems concerning them may be brought into view and consequently answered.

There have been many fine speakers for the Assembly programs this year, and for every speaker, the Acorn has been there with a first-hand report of the accomplishment of each one. Photographers have been working constantly to provide the students with excellent pictures of all of the year's events. During the Winter Carnival in particular, a photographer attended all of the events, photographing the highlights of the week-end. Where ever there have been events going on at the College, Acorn reporters have been there. From club meetings and excursions to interviewing students born in foreign countries, the Acorn has been there. The Acorn is the voice of the College. It is your voice. It is concerned with you the members of the student body and the things of particular interest to you.

Support your paper . . . read it!

REPORT LINKS

BRAINS & BRAWN

WASHINGTON (SPE) — The President's Council on Youth Fitness has reported:

That students who maintained a

high level of physical fitness tended, on the average, to have the best grades, the fewest absences, the heaviest load of extra-curricular activities, and the most healthy attitudes as judged by their teachers.

A New Twist To The Old Dance

Throughout this past year there has been a growing feeling of apathy on the part of many students toward the college and the property within it. Everyone who takes an interest in school affairs has noticed that this year has been a poor one for student enthusiasm. This attitude is reflected quite noticeably in abuses of property, privileges, and materials.

Ironically enough, the areas of greatest misuse are those set aside for student recreation and relaxation. I speak now of the Lounge, Cafeteria, and Ping-Pong Room. The two former areas are decidedly and chronically the main areas of irresponsibility on the part of a large number of students.

In recent weeks it has become actually distasteful, at times, to eat in the Cafeteria, because of the lackadaisical attitude on the part of many people to pick up their left-over refuse and dishes and dispose of them in the proper manner. Maybe you don't mind eating among a pile of dirty dishes and garbage, but some of us don't want to and shouldn't have to! A disposal chute for waste was designed to eliminate unsightly trash and an area for dirty dishes is provided. Don't you have pride enough to use them?

The Lounge is the most widely used area of the College. Almost everyone either passes through or sits down here at least once each day. Visitors pass by at all hours, and outside students visit friends here. This area devoted entirely to the students reflects the character of the entire student body. The Lounge is not, as many suspect, an area set aside strictly for card sharks and smokers. It is intended as a spot for the relaxation of all students. Very few students take advantage of this if they are non-smokers or non-card players however. The reason for this being, the atmosphere in the Lounge has become one of complete disregard for neatness and order. It is so bad at times, that if there is no need to enter, many people would rather remain away from the place completely.

A member of the Custodial Staff was quoted recently as saying, "Sometimes it is difficult to believe I am employed at a college, there is so much disregard for personal responsibility on the part of students."

What type of people make up our student body? It would seem that a good number are immature and have no self-respect. Just remember, the next time you leave your dishes on the table or throw paper on the floor, books and classes don't guarantee a college atmosphere. The student makes the atmosphere.

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In this section of the Acorn any member of the student body may express his opinion on any subject. The only stipulation being that the name of the person submitting the article be included.

The same policy should be followed by anyone wishing to write a letter to the editor. Either of these forms of students expression can be placed in the Editors box in room 26. Acorn reserves the right to edit any opinions due to lack of space.

Winter Carnival Success or Failure?

To the Editor of the Acorn:

For the past two years the Winter Carnival has been the highlight of W.S.C.'s social activities. Inter-class competition was fierce and spirit ran rampant. What happened this year??

The 1963 Winter Carnival was destined to be less than great from its very beginning. There was very little enthusiasm on the part of the student body. No one cared except for a few die hards in each class. Advance notice of events and publicity of skits was at a bare minimum. Preparation and organization for this event filled week-end was almost non-existent.

Who is responsible for the setting up of the Winter Carnival? The Student Council is the group who is supposed to organize and make out a schedule. This list of jobs and activities is then supposed to be assigned to class officers and class groups.

Committees should be formed from different classes to take care of advertisement, dances, sports, and skits. A member of the Council should head each major committee. Arrangements should be made by the Council or one of its committees to ensure that each class and its members understand the schedule of events and his or her responsibility.

The inter-class basketball game

should be given advance notice, and an effort should be made by class officers to get a large cheering section. The Senior-faculty volleyball game should gain wide publicity, and faculty members should be personally recruited by a committee or Student Council.

Saturday's events should be clarified, and class officers should recruit and make clear the importance of everyone helping to win the trophy. A special 4 class dance committee should be formed to organize and promote a successful Ball. If these and many other arrangements are followed by the Student Council next year, maybe with student co-operation, the Carnival and other events will be more successful.

One last point I would like to make is, because of the leadership which is needed to make social functions a success, and because so much depends on the Student Council and class officers, perhaps the students should take a look at all of these representatives and decide whether they are really working in the best interest of the office that they hold. Until the real leaders and workers are put into office, this college will always lack unity and spirit.

Steven Keenan,
Senior Elem. II.

Athletics and Artists Exclusively??

To the Editor of the Acorn:

The Winter Carnival has come and gone. Before it is completely forgotten, I should like to make a few remarks on the subject.

I think it could have been much better organized than it was. It seemed that much time was wasted making last minute arrangements for refreshments and for taking sign-ups for events.

There was a lack of cooperation, more noticeable among the Freshman class. Several people signed up for an event, and then failed to appear for the games. In one case, a volleyball game was forfeited.

Time was lost in gathering teams together, since many people failed to arrive on time. There were many last minute substitutions which resulted in persons competing in an event for which they had not bothered to sign up. In other cases, persons who had signed were left out.

I think, also, that it would be a good idea to have a few more activities in the Winter Carnival to give those people who are not athletic or who do not have artistic abilities a chance to participate.

A more varied program of activities, better organization, and, above all, more cooperation, will result in a Winter Carnival of which we can all be proud.

Marilyn F. Polito
F-7

Elements Missing

To The Editor:

The old saying that success is sweetest for those who first taste defeat was surely witnessed at this year's Winter Carnival. But, the question still remains concerning a formula which will insure a definite victory.

I'm sure everyone agrees that there is no definite formula for victory, but that there are many elements which will insure success. Some of these elements such as class spirit, participation, and organization seem so common to students that they often forget them. It means nothing if a class has an original skit or snow sculpture idea if no one wants to organize it or even take part in it. On the other hand a skit isn't everything. A class must capture as many points as possible and this can only be done through active participation in sports. It takes more than three

to make a team!

Now is the time for all classes to decide upon improvements for next year's Winter Carnival. Not only in these other categories, but in all areas such as decorations, cleanup, the securing of bands, the raising of judging standards, the revamping of events, and the possibility of the Student Council members keeping running tabulations on the events of the weekend.

Remember, if you have any suggestions for improvements it is best to discuss them with your social chairman, not your neighbor. Help your class by being an active part of it!

Carol Alaownis
S-1

IDEAS FOR CARNIVAL IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTED

To the Editor of the Acorn:

Now that the Winter Carnival at Worcester State has passed, the time for constructive criticism has arrived. From an over all point of view, the carnival was a success, as most students will agree. Yet those who disagree cannot be ignored. It is their criticisms which will make the Worcester State Winter Carnival in 1964 a COMPLETE success.

The most important of the censures appears to be common knowledge. In a college which is not as large as some of the local schools, but certainly not the smallest, why must the carnival be so short-lived? Is it because Worcester State does not have as elaborate a campus? This cannot be true for even schools with smaller surroundings have carnivals that last longer. Is it because of the facilities? No. State is just as well equipped as any other college.

Another criticism concerns publicity for the Winter Carnival. Why is it that the account of the activities may be found on the thirty-eighth page, the last column, covering approximately 6x4 inches of print, while other out of town colleges receive billing on the whole of page seven, in the morning and evening editions of the local newspaper? Where does the fault lie? Is it with the newspaper reporters, or with the publicity committee and students at Worcester State?

These suggestions may definitely be improved, but at least they are the plank over the pitfalls of previous years, and if heightened will insure the starting success of the Winter Carnival for 1964.

Mary Ellen Plotczyk
F-7

CLUB NEWS

Marriage Conferences sponsored by Newman Club

The Newman Club cordially invites all students to attend a series of marriage conferences to be held on three consecutive Sunday evenings in March. The dates selected are March 17th., March 24th., and March 31st. Each of the conferences, which are being held at Christ the King Hall, will begin at 8:00 P.M. There is no admission charge.

There is a definite need for an understanding of those principles and rules which help to foster stable and happy marriages. Each of the speakers for the conference series will concentrate on some important area of married life.

Cyprus Paskevich, M. D. will open the series of meetings on Sunday evening, March 17th. His talk will accentuate the necessity of good spiritual development in a marriage situation. The spiritual side of marriage is so often left out in the considerations of young couples who are contemplating marriage. Here will be an excellent opportunity to learn more of the attitudes and values that support successful spiritual development in a family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burns and Prof. and Mrs. Clyde Pax, Ph.D. will be the speaker at the second meeting on March 24th. Their speech will center on the medical and hygienic rules of married life. Their talk is of utmost importance to all young people contemplating marriage.

The final evening of conferences will present Rev. Donald Gervais who will speak on the more practical aspects of married life such as budgeting, care of family, house, social obligations and other financial problems.

Today, more than ever, there is a definite need for wholesome understandings of the facets of married life. This series of conferences hopes to make some of those aspects clearer and more easily understood.

It is not necessary that you be a Newman Club member in order

to attend this series. All colleges in the Worcester area have been invited. If you must come by bus they run from the corner of Main and Front Sts. in downtown Worcester. You make take either the number 2 Tatnuck, the West Tatnuck, or the Paxton bus.

Water Safety Instructor Courses Offered

Now that the volleyball tournament is well on its way, March brings the beginning of the swimming programs of the W.A.A. There will be two Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Courses offered this semester. One begins March 4 at Worcester Tech on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. The other begins March 6 at the Worcester Girls Club on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Because of the success of recreational swimming last year, the W.A.A. is offering this on Wednesdays beginning March 6 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This is open to all girls in all classes. Reminding the girls that they need 6 punches on their blue cards to attend the W.A.A. Banquet on May 7, maybe this Recreational Swimming will give you the opportunity to have some fun as well as insuring your place at the banquet.

So, girls, let's get our feet wet.

Audio-Visual Materials Available

Many times a question has arisen as to what facilities are offered for educational purposes by the audio-visual department. Any student may, by filling out a request slip with Mr. Davis, make use of the A-V equipment

available. Presenting the slip at least twenty-four hours beforehand would, more or less, insure use of the particular item.

Each student borrowing the equipment should be checked by Mr. Davis on its proper use. Plans are underway to include audio-visual courses for both graduate and undergraduate students by September 1963. This will insure the beginning teacher of a wider range of teaching media to utilize in a classroom situation.

A list of equipment and materials for student use are as follows:

Three, three-speed stationary turntables in the A-V room with private earphones. Records are available at the library desk.

Two, three-speed portable record players for classroom use.

Two portable 16mm. motion picture projectors.

Two tape recorders with limited blank tape available for special projects.

Two 35mm. combination slide and filmstrip projectors.

One 3 1/4 x 4 slide projector that can be used with the 3 1/4 x 4 glass slides.

One opaque projector for viewing flat pictures or material in a textbook.

One 10 x 10 overhead projector to project various acetate transparencies.

A Recordak viewer for microfilm and a microcard viewer are also available to the students in the A-V room. There are over 146 reels of microfilm available on educational topics, and 1,425 microcards pertaining to research materials in the fields of American history and literature.

The records, which include music, literature, poetry, drama, and language, 35mm. filmstrips, microfilm and microcards may be signed out at the library desk by Mr. Joyce, or through Mr. Davis. Most of the materials available are listed in the card index file in the library.

Motion pictures may be procured, free of charge, from the Committee on Business Information, 32 Franklin Street, or from numerous sources on a rental basis. There is a large collection of flat pictures for display use. Not all subject matter is available in the 35mm. filmstrips at the college, but new additions are being added to the present supply.

Any further questions will be most thoroughly taken care of by Mr. Davis. Please keep in mind that misuse of equipment and materials would lead to a policy of restricted use for all.

M.A.A. Bowling Notes

The M.A.A. has once again offered a second semester bowling program for the men of Worcester State. Bob Krigorian, Tom Collins, and Dick Ethier are the top bowlers as of this writing. Krigorian holds high average with a whopping 117.0 and second high triple of 351. Collins and Ethier follow Krigorian in the average race with a 109+ and 106+ respectively. Collin's 376 triple has been one of the most outstanding triples ever hit in the State College loop and it seems though it will be very difficult to match it. Ethier has a 345 triple and a 131 individual game score. Bill Farrow, has rolled the individual high single score of 140.

Team No. 6 spearheaded by Dick Ethier, Bill Sparrow, and Dick Spedding have a 1 1/2 game lead over teams 7 and 10.

The M.A.A. intra-mural volleyball program will get underway very shortly, as will the inter-collegiate volleyball. State College is defending champions on the inter-collegiate level.

MATH-SCIENCE CLUB?

During the week of March 4-8, the Math Club conducted a survey among interested Math-science students by means of a questionnaire. The organization of an effective dual club will be based upon the results gathered and was posted on the Club Bulletin Board Monday, March 11th. A meeting will be held soon after.

A.C.E. Card Party a Success

The A.C.E. Valentine Card Party was held February 14 in the lounge. Attendance prizes were awarded and refreshments were served to the large crowd that was present. As all A.C.E. activities, the party was well-planned and quite successful.

The Worcester State A.C.E. will be the hostess group at the national meeting in Miami, Florida. Four upperclassmen have been elected to attend in April. Seniors chosen are Priscilla Heseock and Betty Johnson, who is President of the college's A.C.E. Juniors are Mary Connolly and Carol Doyle. Miss Wilmarth and Miss Mahan will also attend the convention.



HER IRISH EYES ARE SMILING. Cathy Hughes certainly has something to sing about March seventeenth, the date she was born in Ireland of all places.

Irish Colleen at State

By JUDITH PILIBOSIAN
of the Acorn Staff

With Saint Patrick's Day just around the corner, Catherine Hughes, F-4, a native of Ireland, will be among the Irish population at State who will be gaily attired in green on March 17th. Cathy recalls how Ireland celebrated Saint Patrick's Day during those thirteen years before she came to the United States in 1957.

"It is the biggest national holiday of the year," stated Cathy, as her blue Irish eyes sparkled with every word. "Every store closes in honor of the religious day. For the Catholics it is a holy day of obligation."

Saint Patrick, as history has recorded, was the slave of an ancient king. He kept watch on sheep during his youth at Antrim Mountain. Later, he sailed to Rome to become a Priest and finally, a Bishop.

One night while he was sleeping, the children of Ireland appeared to him in a dream and called to him to return to their homeland to convert the Irish to Christianity. He went back and continued his work until his death. The shamrock, which symbolizes the Trinity, is worn on Saint Patrick's Day in remembrance of his teachings.

"In the morning there is a High Mass in memory of Saint Patrick," explained Cathy. "Parades led by the military forces are held in the afternoon. Each town has prepared a variety show for that evening to be put on in its town hall. Included in the show are singers, dancers, and musicians who entertain the townspeople with their performance. This marks the end of the day's festivities."

Saint Patrick belongs to the world as an omnipresent symbol of Christianity, but to the Irish, in particular, for "they were his children."

Westfield State Col. Launches "Poor Man's Year Abroad"

Westfield State College has launched a "poor man's year abroad" program for its students, according to Dr. John Gillespie, director of Massachusetts State Colleges.

In an effort to broaden the geographic horizons of future teachers while opening mental frontiers through academic work, the state college has exchanged some of its students with students from a similar institution, East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma, alma mater of the late Senator Robert S. Kerr.

Officials at both colleges see the exchange program as a way of breaking down provincialism on both campuses. At the same time, the future teachers will enjoy wider experiences by living

in another section of the country. This should enhance their instruction and classroom teaching.

Westfield State students, Virginia F. Vaughn, Springfield; Ardelle M. Chase, South Egremont; and Ann E. Stearns, Shrewsbury will be the group to initiate the program. Next year other state colleges will participate in the "study American" project.

Swapping students with other accredited colleges throughout the United States for a semester insures that the State Colleges will continue to enroll a maximum number of Massachusetts residents while at the same time receiving benefits from a more cosmopolitan student body, Dr. Gillespie stated.



BEAT

Well, it only took a month for last semester's marks to get sent to our home — something unique to W.S.C. since other colleges get theirs out in less than a week after final exams . . . The Juniors are sporting their new class rings which are pretty sharp . . . The seniors are counting the number of days left in school . . . Congratulations to Jr. Secondary Jerome Gedritis and wife on the birth of a son . . . Worcester has a new school superintendent — about time . . . The sophomore class elections will bring many surprises . . . Freshmen will contribute much talent to the baseball team . . . You read about the student who was asked to put into writing on his exam paper statement of his word of honor that he had neither given nor received help? **This is what he wrote:** "I did not get any help, and God knows I could not give any." . . . Junior Secondaries are busy this semester doing what the elementaries were doing last semester — oh, those units . . . Dr. Perry will not at-

tempt an open book test for a while. He says that his students of the Geography of Asia were so busy reading the book that they didn't have time to answer the questions on the test . . .

Quotable Quote Dept.: "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw parties." . . . The next big affair at W.S.C. is the Scholarship Tea which will take place on April 27 . . . The seniors are being interviewed for teaching positions for next September . . . It has been suggested that closer check of attendance be made at next year's Winter Carnival since many in attendance did not buy a ticket . . . Congratulations to the newly elected freshman class officers

The men at Syracuse University are looking for the return of Sheila Hartnett, Sue Keough, Rocky Lockwood and Marty Moran . . . Joe "Lou" Davenport seems to be showering his affections on some of the senior girls.

Janice Lumsden and Nancy Lundstrom are desperately trying to reorganize the Math Club. Richard Fougere has been learning quite a bit about Economics lately. It's a fact that Senior Secondary III blitz five times a week. **Regina Houston is one of the many looking forward to the summer.**

. . . Everyone has recuperated from the last vacation and is buckling down waiting for the next one . . . Until next time a thought to remember: "Discretion is not so much indicated by never making a mistake as by never repeating it."



TAKE A NUMBER FOR BETTER SERVICE —

Seniors viewing some of the newer material obtained by the bookstore are (L to R) George Cote, Nancy Lundstrom, Bart March, Barbara Turgeon, Art Longwell, and Mr. Menahan.

Bookstore Provides Many Useful Materials For the Student

Have you taken a good look at our bookstore lately? Do you know what they are selling? Text books are not the only articles.

Besides selling the text books of the school, where there have been many reorders, our bookstore sells just about every school supply you could need. It has paper, pens, pencils, notebooks, and so much more. Along with these necessary items, there is a large line of articles on which there is the school seal. These include pennants, sweat shirts, jackets, jewelry, and soon there will be beach towels for the summer.

The largest and most successful item in the book store right now is the large line of paperbacks. Some of these are requested by the professors, but most of them are the listed best sellers. Together there are three to four hundred different paperbacks on sale for you.

Another help to the college by the book store is the part-time employment of six students. As most W.S.C. students hold part-time jobs after school, this gives these six students the convenience of working on campus, sometimes during school.

Admired By All

Not only have the undergradu-

ate people utilized the convenience of the book store, but the graduate students in the evenings have also. The graduate students are very surprised to see such a fully equipped book store. After a good look inside, one can see the reason why this book store has become a member of the New England Association of College Bookstores.

So let us make a few visits to the bookstore to benefit ourselves as well as aiding in the bookstore's success, and if you can use \$25, visit the bookstore and ask for information about the contest that is to take place this spring.

Hope to see you there and good luck.

Can't Read

According to the U. S. Department of Public Health, Education and Welfare, about 3,000,000 adult Americans cannot read the label on a bottle of medicine or a help-wanted ad or the report cards children bring home from school.

The Real Patrick Behind St. Patrick's Day

This Sunday many people and places will show a sudden overwhelming preference for the color green. In addition to green ties, shirts, and blouses, there will be green derbies, shamrocks, Irish harps, snakes, and Irish maps.

All this greenery will be displayed in honor of St. Patrick. He will be honored by people of various faiths, by the Irish because he is their patron saint, and by others because they are friends and neighbors of the Irish.

The Legend of Saint Patrick

Who is St. Patrick? To begin with, the 17th of March is not really the day of his birth, which occurred in A.D. 387, but the day of his death in 493. Patrick was not born in Ireland at all, but at Kilpatrick, at what is now Dumbarton, Scotland.

At 16, Patrick was captured in a Pictish raid, and sold as a slave in Ireland to a Druid chief. After six years as a swineherd he escaped to Gaul, where he studied with St. Martin at Tours before returning to Ireland and his former home.

According to legend, just before Patrick escaped from Ireland, he heard a supernatural voice calling him to preach to the heathens there. It was while he was at Tours, France, a young man of 22, that he decided to devote the rest of his life to the cause of religion.

Later, during his 40 years that he preached throughout Ireland he preached throughout Ireland, founded many churches and schools. Numerous legends sprang

up, inspired by him, and having to do with his miraculous powers such as healing the blind, raising the dead, etc.

Snakes Of Ireland

The best known of the stories told about St. Patrick is the one concerning the traditional belief that he cleared Ireland of the snakes that infested it. To commemorate this deed, Ireland's patron saint is generally shown in the act of banishing the serpents. Somewhere about him may be seen a shamrock leaf which Patrick used in explaining the Trinity to the heathen priests on the hill of Tara.

The hill of Down at Downpatrick, in Ireland, is supposed to be the burial place of the saint, although there are those who are of the opinion that he was buried at Glastonbury. At any rate, there is a cathedral at Downpatrick to honor him. The year of his death is variously given as 493 or 464, but there is agreement on the day, the 17th of March.

PREDICTIONS

by Dionysus S. O'Terick
Acorn Staff Clairvoyant

Now that the winter recess has gone, the Carnival has gone, we look to the future again. The crystal ball is clearing and prophecies spring forth. The sign-ups for Sophomore-Senior Prom committees will have a ball AND get the job done . . . Mr. Gould will add to his tie collection . . . That S2 girl will stop throwing kisses in class . . . The Senior yearbook will win honors . . . John McGowan will not go to France, Italy, or Hawaii this summer . . . Supervisors will be a thing of the past in practice teaching . . . Bob Thompson will tell anyone who asks about his idol . . . The Geni is just the start of Sophomore magic . . . Paul Benoit's sonar equipment

(a bat) will be useful in detecting approaching supervisors . . . Half of W S C will be at the Cape this summer . . . George St. Pierre will wear his jacket for a change . . . Clear blue skies for Senior graduation . . . Bobby Crapeau will be the strongest candidate for Soph Prez. . . . Many girls will be in the swim at Tech and the Winthrop House . . . Junior rings are here—to stay . . . All will get accustomed to the new seating arrangements in the caf . . . Better organization will be had in the winter carnival . . . The Book Store will continue its success . . . Jr. Secondaries will not have to sit in boring assemblies on Tuesday's now that the Elementaries are out . . . The Acorn's next issue will be out in the middle of April . . . Mrs. Mike Mulcahy will have twins—boys . . . and finally — SPRING IS COMING.



A WINNING SEASON? Coach John Mockler and Captain Fran Joubert optimistically view the baseball schedule.

Baseball Buildup

Now that the basketball season has come to a close, the athletic minded at Worcester State College can look ahead to the coming baseball season. This year the team has a **14 game schedule**, playing some of the strongest teams in the conference. It is expected that they will improve on last year's record of six wins, three losses. Three games were rained out and not rescheduled, while another with Boston State ended in a 12-inning tie.

On Monday, March 4, Coach John Mockler welcomed last year's veterans and new candidates. Heading the returnees will be Captain Fran Joubert, shortstop, who last year batted .385 and led the team in runs-batted-in. Fran is a senior and will be playing his fourth year in the State infield. Among the other regulars returning will be third baseman Dick Lamothe (.415); centerfielder

Kevin Lyons (.380); rightfielder Dick Joubert (.330); and pitcher Carlo Baldino (2-2).

Promising Candidates

Lost through graduation were tri-captains Bill Lynch, catcher, (.325), southpaw hurler Bill Cronin (4-1), pitcher-infielder Dick Denechaud, and first baseman Veto Filipowski (.355). Two other regulars who have left school are second baseman Jim Powers (.282), and leftfielder Jack Hanlon (.255).

Among the promising freshmen expected to report are Dick Coleman, infielder, North High; Paul Sundstrom, outfielder, North High; and pitchers Phil Salerno, Sacred Heart Academy and Bob Pahigian, South High.

Coach Mockler seems quite confident as to the success of this year's team. When asked to comment about it, he replied: "Well, so far we're undefeated."

Articulation

A three-act play, "The Late Christopher Bean," by Sidney Howard, has been chosen by the Dramatic Club as its major production for this year. The play, which will be presented in April, promises to be as entertaining and successful as all past productions of the Club.

One-act plays are now being

shown for Dramatic Club members and guests during club period on Wednesdays. In these plays, club members gain experience in acting and directing which will be of great value to them in future teaching careers.

Freshman Class members are taking a great interest in the Dramatic Club this year and a fine talent for acting has been displayed by various students of the Class of 1966.

Varsity Sport?

Golf is in the process of becoming a recognized varsity sport. Linksman John Gannon, Bill Helinius, and Lominski have approached Director of Athletics, John Mockler, with names of tentative team members. Possible dates of matches with teams from Assumption, Holy Cross, Clark, Tech and other colleges are in the planning stages.

Financial aid will be extended to further this varsity sport if a team can be maintained in future years. The nucleus of this team will be lost through graduation. More underclassmen will be needed to carry the cause.

If enough men are interested in supporting a golf team they are asked to contact the above named golf enthusiasts or to make their intentions known to the M.A.A.

Representatives

The Relations of School Dropouts to Juvenile Delinquency was discussed March 8th at 3:00 p.m. at the Lyman School for Boys in Westboro. The five member panel is headed by G. Flint Taylor, Director of Worcester State College.

Other members of the panel include Mr. Robert Goss of W. S. C., Mr. R. Dolan of Malboro, Professor Reid of the Rhode Island State College Psychology department and Thomas Ritchie, Worcester area director of Mental Health.

The topic will especially focus on what can be done in schools for the potential dropout. The Lyman School sponsored panel is held for the faculty of the school and guidance directors of Worcester County under the auspices of Mr. Gibbons.

The panel discussion will be taped by Fran Snea of radio station WTAG.

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zation of a long delayed ambition. As a freshman at Worcester State Teachers College he began preparation for a new career—teaching. He chose to major in history.

Masters of Arts

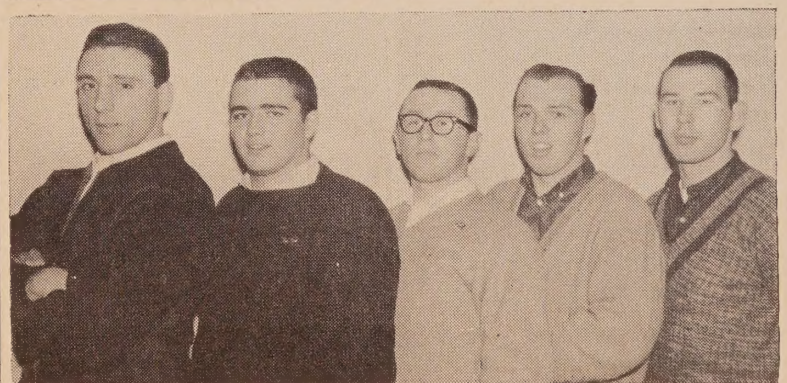
For the past four years at W.S.C., Bob has distinguished himself academically and has made many friends on campus. Last year he was elected president of the college's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi. He has continued to work week-ends and summers. At Harvard he will spend the year preparing for the degree of Master of Arts in Teaching, with a major in social studies.

We students at W.S.C. are impressed not only by Bob's achievement, but also by the significant implication it holds with respect to the preparation that our college offers us. Our classmate, with no other higher formal educational background than what he received at W.S.C., came out on top in competition with college seniors throughout the entire eastern United States. This accomplishment offers concrete proof that we need not consider our school or our education as fifth-rate. The opportunity for excellence is here—the utilization of this opportunity is the personal responsibility of each student. As Bob has stated, "(The student) can pick it up or leave it here."

To Robert McGraw, Class of 1963, we offer a well-deserved "congratulations" and all best wishes in his continued academic pursuits and his professional life.

CONGRATULATIONS

Best luck and good wishes to Miss Mary Cosgrove on her engagement to Mr. Thomas J. Dolphin of the Clark University Faculty.



INTERMURAL CHAMPS. Seniors who easily coped the basketball playoffs are (L to R) Paul Duca, Pete Farrelly, Fran Joubert, John Gannon, and Wally Gosk.



DYSON'S DOZEN. The Lancers, plagued by injuries, listed a 7-12 season standing which prohibited them from conference play. The club includes (front row L to R) Charlie O'Connor, Dick Lamothe, George Melican, Capt. Steve Kokernak, Joe Montimurro, George Albro. (Second Row) Wally Moroski, Charlie Dix, Don Cushing, Bob Pahigian, Francis Bositis, Bob Evers.

Team Statistics During the Year Lettermen, Where Are You?

Name	Number of games	total points	average
Albro	18	109	6.1
Bositis	14	40	2.9
Cushing	19	153	8.1
Dix	11	45	4.1
Evers	10	14	1.4
Foley	1	2	2
Kokernak	18	333	18.5
Kulesza	4	23	5.8
Lamothe	16	151	9.4
Melican	14	146	7.7
Montemuro	17	83	4.9
Moroski	19	173	9.1
O'Connor	6	7	1.1
Pahigian	16	88	5.5
Staiti	6	32	5.3

TEAM RECORDS

Most points in one game	109	versus Westfield	1962
Most field goals in one game	46	versus Keene	1957
Most free throws in one game	30	versus Westfield	1962
Best season (percentage)	16-2	.888	1955-56
Most wins	17	1959-60; 1960-61; 1961-62	
Best winning streak	8	Dec. 7, 1959 - Jan. 16, 1960	

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Most points in one game	36	Steve Kokernak	1962
	36	Bill Ferris	1955
Most field goals in one game	15	Bill Ferris	1956
Most free throws in one game	13	Bill Ferris	1952
Most points scored (4 years)	1152	Kokernak	
Most points scored (1 year)	428	Kokernak	1962
Best season average	21.1	Paul King	1952

Kokernak

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has a 17.2 points per game four year average.

Modest Steve never played high school basketball and acquired his touch through intramurals and church league games. As a candidate for the Lancer five in 1959, he had only hoped to "make the team" and strive for a starting position the following season. But Coach Dyson recognized his potential and groomed him for the first string on a strong, veteran team. The move worked, as the team rolled to 19 wins to tie the school's record.

Steve's scoring fell off this season as he averaged a respectable 13.5 for 18 games. Coach Dyson explains, "teams last year couldn't play to stop Steve. He had Bob Kulesza with him in the backcourt. This season, with Kulesza hurt, the defense has been able to concentrate on Steve. And this year we haven't been a strong rebounding team. You can't shoot if you haven't got the ball."

The sport hasn't heard the last of Captain Kokernak, however. Steve is seeking a position that would also enable him to do some coaching.

EDITOR

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the School Committee ask the College Presidents to provide this service. The fact is that your name was omitted because of an oversight. The following morning when I recognized that this oversight had occurred I made an attempt to contact you at your office in the hope that I could explain the situation to you and to ask if you would be available to serve with the other presidents. However, your secretary informed my office that you were attending a conference away from Worcester and could not be reached. Because of the urgency of the situation and because the vote of the School Committee had instructed me to release this news as soon as the College Presidents had accepted this responsibility. I had no alternative except to go ahead with the original choice of the School Committee.

I hope that this simple explanation will eliminate in your mind any doubt that you might have regarding the committee's attitude toward yourself and the prestige of your office.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH C. CASDIN,
Mayor.

The Athletic Department is now thinking of adding another sport onto the varsity standing making a total of four activities, baseball, basketball, cross-country track, and golf. The rapid increase in enrollment requires this development in the physical aspect of education as well as in the academic department. Respectively each of these areas acknowledge their outstanding personage with rewards which denote specific achievements.

Students with top honor marks become enrolled in the Kappa Delta Phi on Class Day while outstanding athletes are rewarded . . . Well I think they are rewarded—"That's why we have trophies!" But where and how are they acknowledged? Who are the men winning awards and what did they do? Is there such a thing as a Worcester State letterman or trophy holder?

The sportsmen must be the "few" fellows who wear a blue colored jacket with the yellow circular insignia. They must be athletic award winners, but when, where, how, and why have they received these jackets?